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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:
*Articles for the October magazine
should be with
Kath Dunstan by
Sunday September 19th
New contributors are welcome.*

If you have picked up your magazine from the back of church please consider having it regularly. At 50p per issue it is good value but we'd like to know in advance so we can print the right number of copies each month. ***Kath***

Vicar's Reflection

Set apart for God.

It is back-to-school time (or starting school) for many of our youngsters, their parents and teachers, and a time of ensuring that everything is ready for a bright new start: Remember to pray for them all. It's the beginning of a new (academic) year full of good motive and ambitious starts, new equipment and uniforms along with renewed energy. It is a wonderful time of year that is full of hope and optimism, where achievement is a goal eagerly sought.

A new beginning or 'term' starts for our new curate Jacqui King and her husband Mac as they take up a new home in a different geographical place and different lifestyle, working with us over the next three to four years, learning and teaching us as we journey together in faith with our God. Our journey with God never ceases and is developing all of the time as we listen to His word and follow His call. His call has been special for Jacqui as she has been ordained – that means that she has been through a discernment process with her home church, then with vocational guidance with the D.D.O. (Diocesan Director of Ordinands) of the Diocese, then with the national church. Through this process the church as a whole has discerned that God has 'set her apart' in order to be priested. It is a very long process that takes many years before being selected and then trained for the position of parish priest. Jacqui now joins us in the Benefice of Southminster to continue her training and discernment in a practical way, and one which will help her to know where God is going to call her next – which could be anywhere. The congregations of Southminster and Steeple are



going to have a key role in working with and praying for Jacqui over these next few years, and it is a great privilege for us all to have her, and Mac, with us.

Being set apart is what we are all called to be as we demonstrate, with our lives in community, the love of God and the ways of His Kingdom. The book of Acts in chapter 13 gives us a model of church working together and sharing everything. At Antioch the church had many who were teachers and prophets yet God says to them “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them” so the church commissioned Paul and Barnabas to their work. Wherever a gift is recognised within a church, for teaching, welcoming, playing musical instrument, hospitality, prayer ministry or the many other ministries within the church, we are setting apart ‘for the work that God has called us to do’, and therefore following the will of God. When we operate in the gifts that God has given to us, we are fulfilled, because we are doing what He has trained us to do and He will also equip us as we continue in His work – we can be confident. Paul the apostle knew this and lived in confidence of His ministry, just look at his opening salutations in His letters. “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel.”

Today is an opportunity, a new start perhaps, to step into those ministries that God has been urging us toward, working alongside someone to learn, or to speaking to someone to discern our own calling; today is a ‘new term’ for us.

We can all be confident in God for what He has set us apart and equipped us to do, and be glad that we fit into His church in which He is present, watches over and oversees, and loves.

Peter

Important “Welcomes”

In addition to our welcoming of Rev’d Jacqui King and her husband Mac (as mentioned in the Vicar’s reflection) we should play our part (although at a distance) in welcoming our new Diocesan Bishop. Bishop Guli will be officially welcomed at a special service in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 4th September. We hope to meet her in person at some stage in the not too distant future.

DON’T FORGET

If you’re free to go, please enjoy the
Althorne Church Hall Event
on **Saturday 4th September 2pm**

CREAM TEAS & lots of other interesting things.

CORONAVIRUS 2021

We are pleased that restrictions have been lifted but we still need to be sensible and follow the guidelines.

To keep aware of what is happening, and to participate on line with services, log into the website <https://www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stleonardstogetherapart/>

Also, we have a WhatsApp group entitled “Together Apart Our Church”. Lots of people are involved in that.

These links have been greatly appreciated by regular Church family members and also by people who have not, to date, attended our church services. In difficult times, like this, we need to ‘allow’ God to point us in possible new directions and then to respond. **God has a plan with hope for future.**

If you would like specific prayer, please contact the vicar. preferably by email but otherwise on 01621 772300

Hospitality

Hospitality is known as entertaining and welcoming in guests or visitors. We read in I Corinthians 12: “There are different kinds of gifts, service and workings, but the same Spirit distributes them”. If we are followers of Jesus then practicing hospitality is very important to Him.

I have been reading a book by Eddie Askew called “Cross Purposes” it is a book of meditations and prayers based on meals with Jesus. It says that through the Gospels there is a recurring picture of Jesus eating with people, sharing his life with His friends and followers. Sometimes He is criticised for it and often misunderstood. One example is that of Jesus asking Matthew the tax collector to follow Him and then eating at Matthews house with many other tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees challenged Jesus as His behaviour of eating with tax collectors and sinners was at cross purposes to their teaching. (Matthew 9:9-12). As we know, Jesus often cut across “normal”.

One of the Old Testament scriptures which shows a wonderful act of hospitality is the story, during a drought, of the widow who was asked by Elijah for bread and water. The widow told him she had only enough provision for herself and her son for one meal. Elijah told her not to be afraid but to use what she had for him and herself and her son. God then, because of her kindness and generosity, miraculously supplied her with a jar of flour which would not be used up and a jug of oil which would not run dry until the rain came on the land. (I Kings 17 v 7-16). She gave from virtually nothing on trust and God rewarded her.

In Mark 6 v 8 -11 Jesus sent out the 12 disciples to preach repentance, to drive out demons and to heal the sick. He told them to take no bread, no bag, no money but to rely on

hospitality when they went into a town and to stay in the house which welcomed them for the duration of their stay. Romans 12 v 9-21 talks of Love in action. Verse 13 says “Share with the Lord’s people in need, practice hospitality” also v 20 tells us that if someone has wronged us, not to take revenge, but “If that person is hungry feed him, if thirsty give him something to drink”.

In John chapter 13 Jesus tells His disciples at the Passover meal (the last supper) of his forthcoming death. A time of them all together sharing a meal and fellowship. In the other Gospel’s too we read that at the last supper how Jesus likened the bread to His body and the wine to his blood and he tells them to eat and drink them often in remembrance of Him. When we today take communion in Church, we are welcomed to come to the Lord’s table to eat and drink in remembrance that He died for us and to feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Hospitality isn’t just about sharing food, it is about welcoming people into our homes, our church, our lives. It is about helping people to feel comfortable in any surroundings and sharing what we can with them.

I started off this article by looking at 1 Corinthians 12 and looking at the different “gifts” God gives us. Some of us are much better at having people in for social occasions, enjoying preparing and cooking meals; some of us are better at chatting and putting people at ease. Some of us even enjoy the washing up afterwards! Whatever we feel is our calling from the Lord let us be the hospitable people that He asks us to be, moving in the gifts He gives us and sharing where and what we can.

Brenda Sheppard

September Song

Ken Dunstan

*Oh it's a long, long time from May to December
And the days grow short when you reach September
And the Autumn weather turns the leaves to flame
And one doesn't have time for the waiting game...*

And here we are at the start of September. This month includes the Creation season, a period now marked by most of the world's churches in worship, teaching and planning. The season runs to the fourth of October, when churches worldwide remember Francis of Assisi, who saw God in all creation.


How does the season affect us in Southminster and Steeple? Let's divide the question. How does it affect the churches? And how might it affect us as individuals and families? And since we're talking of Creation tide, let's remind ourselves of the Marks of Mission, a statement of five 'Gospel Imperatives' that spell out *what the Church is for*. Some are obviously 'churchy,' like Number 1, Telling people about Jesus, and Number 2, Teaching and training new disciples. Number 3 is about responding to need, by serving society, as Jesus did. Number 4 is about transforming society by challenging unjust structures and violence. That brings us to number 5. In full, it is "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth." It means that Christians who don't do this are missing part of what Jesus commands. It's not a hopeful suggestion. It's an order.

In 1983 two Christian families opened a Field Studies Centre on the Portuguese Algarve, called 'A Rocha' – 'The Rock.' Over two decades it grew to become a Christian Conservation charity working in several countries. One of its initiatives is Eco Church. Churches choosing to register can work towards bronze, silver and gold awards, through completing a questionnaire that guides churches towards a healthier environment. The questions cover

the whole range of church life from worship through to management of land and property. Southminster PCC has registered its intent to begin looking at the questions and seeing how we can use them to fulfil their requirements, which reflect that Fifth Mark of Mission. Being an Eco Church isn't, of course, about getting a badge or certificate: it's about Christian living in God's world.

That leads us to a major point of Creation Season. Given that "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it," (Psalm 24 v1) how are we to treat the world God has lent us? Let's see how things are. The New Economics Foundation (NEF) reported on 30 July, *"[Recently] much of London and the South East was flooded after more than a month's worth of rain fell in a day. This followed a heatwave during which the Met Office issued its first ever extreme heat warning. In the last month, deadly floods have killed over 180 in Germany and Belgium and 63 in China, parts of Pakistan reached heat and humidity levels beyond what the human body can endure and the Amazon rainforest officially started releasing more greenhouse gases than it absorbs. In North America, heat domes led to hundreds of deaths, buckled roads and saw wildfires rip through forests, including many of those planted as carbon offsets, releasing the carbon they were supposed to sequester."*

These events aren't accidental. They result from 200 years' human activity, beginning with the world's first industrial society – here in Britain. The Office for National Statistics compares UK spending over two decades: *"Spending on international travel has changed more than any other category. Households spend 330% more on international flight tickets, 50% more on package holidays abroad, 80% more on accommodation abroad, and 32% more on money spent directly while overseas. In 2001-02, spending in these four categories (in 2019 – 20 prices) was at around £1,600 per household per year. By 2019 – 20, spending had reached £2,600."* That's only partly



about personal choice. It's chiefly the result of Government policy that opens new coal mines and favourably considers a new North Sea oil field and builds more motorways and gives tax exemptions worth £7billion to airlines.

What can we do? We must be realistic about our own impact on God's world – and “*saving water*” by “*not rinsing plates before putting them in the dishwasher*” (Downing Street) misses the point. We need to make **effective** changes. Less flying (trains are greener!) and more home insulation are good places to start, as well as smaller things like lower thermostat settings (and more sweaters!). More radical (and expensive) actions can come. We can consider contacting the powerful decision makers about policy change. But let it be done with prayer, and with a desire to know the truth that must shape our decisions.

See also the note about COP26 on page 19.

A notice about our offerings to God.

Many of us use the facility of the offering plate to give our gifts to God. As the church is closed for the moment it may be a good time to think about a standing order to the church so that we are still bringing our gift. Many of us are doing this already – Thank you, but those who may be wondering how they can continue their giving through Standing Order the details of the church bank are here:

St. Leonard's church: Barclays Bank Sort code: **20.54.30**
A/c No. **80825107** Made payable to: Southminster
Parochial Church Council.

St. Lawrence & All Saints church: Barclays Bank
Sort code: **20.54.30** A/c No. **60842494**
Made payable to Steeple Parochial Church Council.

May God bless our gifts to Him.

POSSIBLE ROTA DETAILS: YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR 2 MONTHS

We can worship regularly in church again, but with appropriate safety limitations, so we need to be well-prepared. Please let Paul Lucas know if you are willing to be part of his volunteer team but cannot be available on any of the following dates.

November 2021 7 14 21 28

December 2021 5 12 19 24 25 26

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR DUTY YOU SHOULD CHANGE WITH SOMEONE AND INFORM THE WARDENS OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

The St. Leonard's Together Apart Facebook Group

began on 20th March 2020, just a few days before we went into lockdown. The group was created as a way to keep in touch, encourage and support each other during this difficult time. Since then we have shared songs, daily devotions, prayers, church services, Bible studies, Alpha courses etc.

At the present time each weekday looks like this;

6am Daily Devotion including a worship song

11.30am Family Time (Tuesday and Thursday) including Little Lions' singing time, Veggie Tales movies, virtual Sunday School etc.

3pm Bible Study / Reflection

8pm Prayer

Saturday is a quiet day and on Sunday we post the church service and weekly bulletin.

We welcome others to share encouraging posts on the page too.

Karen Flack

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Details of services on line and hopefully in the church.
Steeple service details are listed on pages 16-17.

Sunday 5th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 Family HC

Proverbs 22 : 1-2,8,9,22,23

Mark 7 : 24 - 37

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 12th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion: 8am BCP

10.45am Family Worship

& special welcome to Jacqui King

Proverbs 1 : 20-33

Mark 8 : 27 - 38

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The “**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH**” course which was held during August will have been completed but some details may still be available on the Church of England website.

Sunday 19th September 16th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45am Morning Worship

Proverbs 31 : 10 - 31

Mark 9 : 30 - 37

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 26th September 17th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion: 8am BCP 10.45am Morning Worship

Esther 7 : 1-6, 9-10 ; 9 : 20 - 22

Mark 9 : 38 - 50

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Remember the **Harvest Festival Service** at Steeple at 4pm
(Details on page 16)



PRAY FOR SOUTHMINTER:

w/b	5 September	Central - South
w/b	12 September	South - West
w/b	19 September	Central - West
w/b	26 September	North - East

SMALL BLESSINGS

Chris Martin

More by luck than judgement, I happened to be chatting to a friend whom I was expecting to visit and realised that we were not talking about the same date! It was sheer chance that I happened to call her and we were able to clarify our plans - - whereas I had been expecting her the following night, she was in fact coming that very night!

At the same time, the night before the night before this conversation and when I still didn't know she was coming, I was feeling bored so decided to go and make some soup. It's not very often I feel like cooking late at night but I did on that occasion. So luckily I had something home made, together with a nice salad to follow, ready to offer for a light supper.

These are two instances of things happening where you feel that you've had an enormous amount of luck when little things happen that make life and plans easier.

When such things happen, we have to ask, "Is it coincidence?" In this case, is it a coincidence that something happened to make me contact my friend, and if I hadn't we would have been at crossed purposes about which night she was to come to stay? Equally, is it a coincidence that I just happened to feel like making some soup – because I happened to have the ingredients to hand – when at short notice I needed to make a supper for a friend?

Sometimes we find the last one of something on the shelves when shopping, or spot something in a sale when we expect to pay full price. Do you ever say (as I do when this happens), “Wow somebody up there was looking out for me that day!”

I don’t know if such things are just luck or if indeed they are small blessings. Do we have personal angels? I don’t know.

All I know – and this is the fly in this particular ointment – is that I’d gladly give up some of these small blessings if they could be given to some of the millions of suffering people in the world. Let’s hope that some blessings, small and enormous, find their way to Afghanistan to help against the war, Haiti to give relief from the earthquake, Germany to ease the people’s plight when they’ve lost their homes to flooding.....the list is endless.

However, life is what it is, and we just have to deal as best we can with the adversities and accept the goodies. Let’s hope there are blessings to be found in both.

Editorial comment Christian experience attributes a lot of our “co-incidences” to nudges from the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ teaching on the Kingdom (Rule) of God encourages us to share the blessings. This is especially so in the events Chris has so rightly called to our attention. Let’s play our part appropriately.

Steeple Church News

Steeple Church has services every Sunday morning at 9.15am unless otherwise advertised on church door. It's Morning Prayer on the first and third Sundays each month and Holy Communion on the second and fourth.
www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk



The Wheels and Hooves event at Elmwood Equestrian Centre, Burnham-on-Crouch in July was intended to raise repair funds for three local churches – Creeksea, Althorne and Steeple. It generated £2700 but Creeksea's Church Council generously decide to forego their share because their roofing project has already been funded. That meant bigger shares for Althorne and Steeple where large repair bills are expected in the not too distant future.

By the time you read this, Steeple's Historic Vehicle Gathering will have taken place in the field opposite Blackwater Mews, by kind permission of the Partridge family. Although smaller than the Elmwood event, it's expected to generate further funds for the Steeple Church belfry renovations project which we hope to get underway in 2022. We are immensely grateful to The Eccentrics and many other helpers who make these fund raising events so successful.

As we move into autumn, we are turning our attention to **Sunday 26th September** when at **4pm** Steeple's **Harvest Festival** will be held in the church followed by **Harvest Supper** in the Village Hall at 5.30pm

These are traditional thanksgiving events to celebrate the gathering of crops in our gardens and local fields. Most people at the Supper will have come on from the Festival but these are separate events so you and your family can attend either or both, whatever suits you best.

Enjoy our cover photographs from recent events

Remember that to arrange a
Wedding, Blessing, Baptism or Funeral
please contact **Rev'd Canon Peter Begley**
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The Vicarage, Burnham Road, Southminster, CM0 7ES

STEEPLE CHURCH ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday Prayer Rota for 9.15am services

5th Family Service t.b.a.
12th Holy Communion Fiona Ashworth
19th Morning Worship t.b.a.
26th No service because of Harvest Festival

Coffee Duty on First Sunday for Family Service

1st Jack Partridge

Flower arranging and cleaning in church ready for each Sunday

5th Mrs R Leech
12th Mrs T Julien / Mr J Partridge
19th Mrs F Ashworth
26th Mrs M DeAth

SOME AUGUST NEWS WHICH PROMPTS US TO PRAY.



Pray for Afghanistan - Last week the Taliban had control of 12 major cities and many thought it would take 30-90 days for the capital to fall. Tragically, over the weekend Kabul has been taken, with many people fearing for their lives. Our team on the ground have gone into hibernation mode for their safety, and we have heard that programmes with women and girls must be suspended.

Please pray with us for the people of Afghanistan, for our partners and staff as they endure this brutal upheaval.

Update from Ethiopia - As fighting in Tigray has forced 1.9 million people to flee their homes, our partner is on the ground, but facing unprecedented challenges. We are working in a conflict zone with no internet; banks are shut and road access is limited. Coupled with persistent drought, floods, Covid and locust infestations, this is the most complex humanitarian situation we have seen.

We hope to scale up in the coming weeks to reach more of the most vulnerable with food and other essentials. The need is huge. I pray, as a nation, that we can get out of the situation we are in. — Yitna Tekaligne - Country Manager Ethiopia.

Christian Aid's new Chair

Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and current Chair of the board of international development agency Christian Aid, will stand down at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November, having served two full terms.



We are thrilled to reveal the Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, the former Archbishop of York, will be the next Chair.



More prayer is still needed locally for global issues



A Government announcement says, “The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021.

“The climate talks will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change.”

The 2015 Paris conference agreed to work towards limiting global temperature rise to 2° Celsius above pre-industrial level, but also to try to limit the rise to 1.5°C. But the plans so far indicate a likely rise closer to 3°C or 4°C. Politicians need pressure from their constituents if they are to act. Pray for the conference, but also consider letters to our politicians insisting on action to validate the inevitable fine words.



Keep up to date with checking the Diocesan Group “Greening the Church” on the St Leonard’s Together Apart Facebook page.

The following words were shared with Harry and Linda who decided that we might enjoy reading them too.....

GETTING OLDER?

THIS IS RIGHT ON THE NOSE.READ IT SLOWLY... I DON'T KNOW WHO WROTE IT, BUT I AM GUESSING IT WAS A SENIOR!!! I FIRST STARTED READING THIS AND WAS READING FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED AND STARTED AGAIN, READING SLOWER AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD. THIS IS VERY THOUGHT-PROVOKING. MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK.

AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! because if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!



And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER:....

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.



~Your kids are becoming you.....
~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!
~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything
~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"..."what?" . ???
~Now that you can afford expensive jewellery, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
~Everybody whispers.
~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your wardrobe.... 2 of which you will never wear.
~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

DENGIE HUNDRED LADIES GROUP

The next meeting will be in the Southminster Memorial Hall
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday September 28th

Speaker: Sarah Ambrose, Powertec Demonstration.

Competition : Small garden ornament



WHO ARE WE?

Mission Statement

“To be a people offering praise and worship to God and serving him by being the Good News by our words and actions”

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or safeguarding@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

**NORMAL PUBLIC WORSHIP IS STILL A BIT DIFFERENT
BECAUSE ALTHOUGH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE
BEEN REMOVED WE STILL RECOMMEND THAT
APPROPRIATE CAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.**

See pages 5, 10-13 for details during this season.

**Weekly notices, covering any changes, will be available to
read on the outside church notice-board**

8:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer 1662)

10:45 am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Steeple Services similarly continue at **9.15am**

(Our Prayer ministry for any needs will continue
even though it happens ‘at a distance’.)

Children and Young people are always welcomed
especially for the **Family Celebration Services**

‘LITTLE LIONS’ usually meet on Wednesday mornings in
the Memorial Hall during term-time only.
It is for babies/toddlers & their carers.



Home Groups are still not gathering but plans could be made
for the Autumn period.